## **Kansas State Employees**

## **Brand Medications Requiring Use of a Generic First**

You can save money by using safe, effective generic medications when possible. According to your prescription benefit plan, in order for certain brand-name medications to be covered, you will have to try a generic medication first. The chart below tells you which kinds of drugs require you to use a generic first. This chart only provides a sample list of generic drug options and may not include all drugs available.

Drug Class Condition Treated*	Step 1: You may have to try one of these generic medications first:	Step 2: Before you can try one of these non-preferred brand drugs:	These preferred select brand drugs do not require use of a generic first:
ACE Inhibitors/Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists (ARBs)/ Direct Renin Inhibitors/ Combinations  High Blood Pressure	amlodipine-benazepril benazepril/benazepril HCTZ candesartan/candesartan HCTZ captopril/captopril HCTZ enalapril/enalapril HCTZ eprosartan fosinopril/fosinopril HCTZ irbesartan/irbesartan HCTZ lisinopril/lisinopril HCTZ losartan/losartan HCTZ moexipril/moexipril HCTZ quinapril/quinapril HCTZ ramipril telmisartan/telmisartan HCTZ trandolapril trandolapril-verapamil ext-rel valsartan/valsartan HCTZ	Edarbi Edarbyclor Teveten HCT	Benicar/Benicar HCT Tekturna/Tekturna HCT
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (HMGs or Statins)/Combinations High Cholesterol	atorvastatin fluvastatin lovastatin niacin ext-rel pravastatin simvastatin	Advicor Altoprev Liptruzet Livalo	Crestor Simcor Vytorin
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) Stomach Acid	lansoprazole omeprazole omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate capsule pantoprazole	Prilosec Packets Protonix Packets Zegerid Powder for Oral Susp	Dexilant Nexium

<sup>\*</sup>This list indicates the common uses for which the drug is prescribed. Some medicines are prescribed for more than one condition. Brand-name drugs not listed here may be covered by your plan without the use of a generic first. Information provided here is not a substitute for medical advice or treatment. Discuss this information with your doctor or health care provider. CVS/caremark assumes no liability for the information provided or for any diagnosis or treatment made in reliance thereon, nor is it responsible for the reliability of the content.

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